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# Navy Employee Arrested as Spy

PETER JENNINGS: There is another spy scandal brewing in Washington, and a very unusual one.

Jonathan Pollard, a civilian intelligence expert working for the U. S. Navy, has been arrested on charges of selling American military secrets to Israel, one of this country's closest allies.

As ABC's Dennis Troute reports, administration officials are more than a little upset.

DENNIS TROUTE: Sixth Fleet codes are what the Israelis wanted and got, according to federal authorities. With such codes, Jerusalem could plug into the vast American intelligence resources anchored in the Mediterranean. The specific goal: getting more information from U. S. ships and satellites on the military activities of its Arab enemies.

Jerusalem's apparent use of a U. S. Navy intelligence specialist to help steal American intelligence secrets has started a major rift between long-time allies.

Thirty-one year old Jonathan Pollard was arrested yesterday outside the Israeli Embassy where he allegedly sought sanctuary. He reportedly sold secrets to Israel and to Pakistan, as well, through a middle man, who's not been identified.

Washington is clearly displeased.

CHARLES REDMAN: We're shocked and saddened at the notion that something like this might occur. We've been in touch with the Israelis to try to get to the bottom of this.

TROUTE: Pollard had worked at the Naval Investigative Service in Suitland, Maryland. Co-workers got suspicious when they saw him taking home classified documents and called authorities. The FBI is said to have found fifty classified documents in his Northwest Washington apartment during a search this week. For the secrets provided Israel and Pakistan, Pollard allegedly got \$50,000 over the last 18 months.

Israeli authorities refused to deny flatly that Pollard spied for them, noting only that they're checking the story. U. S. officials say unless Jerusalem helps reverse any damage to American security, Israel faces some serious consequences.

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